

Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission - Briefing Sheet

Background

- Congressionally-chartered in 1935, the mission of the IOGCC is to help its 38 member states efficiently maximize oil and natural gas resources through sound regulatory practices while protecting health, safety and the environment. The Commission serves as a collective voice of member governors on oil and gas issues and advocates states' rights to govern petroleum and natural gas resources within their borders. The IOGCC is the nation's only dedicated forum for states focusing on key oil and natural gas issues. International affiliates to IOGCC include 6 provinces of Canada and several other foreign countries.
- EPA's liaison with the IOGCC began in the mid 1980s. In 2002, EPA and IOGCC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) initiated by then-IOGCC Chair and Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee writing to EPA Administrator Christie Todd Whitman asking to open/improve communication with state oil and gas regulators. Subsequent EPA Administrators and IOGCC Chairs have renewed this MOU, with Administrator Gina McCarthy and Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin signing the MOU covering 2016-2019.
- The MOU created a Task Force to improve regulatory cooperation, minimize duplication between state and national levels of government, promote cost effective protection of the environment, and improve efficiencies and communications between EPA, IOGCC, and its member states. (Task Force members represent only states, the IOGCC and EPA). Task Force member states have varied over time, but have included AK, AR, CA, CO, MI, MT, ND, NE, OH, OK, TX, UT, and WY.
- In 2015, EPA Administrator McCarthy officially appointed the following positions to the Task Force:
 - Shawn Garvin, Regional Administrator, Region 3
 - Susan Hedman, Regional Administrator, Region 5
 - Ron Curry, Regional Administrator, Region 6 (EPA Alternate Co-Chair)
 - Shaun McGrath, Regional Administrator, Region 8
 - Teresa Marks, Principal Advisor on Unconventional Oil & Gas (EPA Co-Chair)
 - Mark Rupp, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Intergovernmental Relations
- The incumbents in these positions have continued to honor those appointments by participating or by delegating senior staff to represent them at meetings. Task Force meetings have been semi-annual, usually as part of IOGCC Spring & Fall meetings. The last Task Force meeting was held during the IOGCC Annual Conference, in Little Rock, AR. IOGCC desires a meeting in DC to meet the EPA leadership followed by a meeting in Coeur D'Alene, ID, in the Fall (September 30 – October 2, 2018).
- The ECOS-IOGCC Forum was created in 2007 to provide a formal communications vehicle for the groups and their members. Though inactive during the past several years, Forum discussions generally take place at ECOS national meetings and have explored topics such as hydraulic fracturing and carbon sequestration.

Major Current or Historic IOGCC – EPA Issues

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| • Carbon Sequestration | • Stormwater Construction |
| • Greenhouse Gas emissions inventory and reporting rule | • SPCC Regulations |
| • Joint Training Opportunities | • Hydraulic Fracturing (ORD Study, policies) |
| • Plugging Abandoned or Orphaned wells | • Disposal Wells & Induced Seismicity |
| | • Oil & Gas air permitting and regulations |